

### REMARKS

The subject matter of allowable claim 12 has been added to main claim 9. Claim 9 is now believed to be in condition for allowance, together with its dependent claims 10-11 and 13-14.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to April 1, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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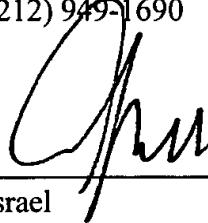
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